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# H. RES. 721

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that any major health care reform bill considered on the floor of the House should be available for viewing for 30 calendar days.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

Mr. LEWIS of California submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that any major health care reform bill considered on the floor of the House should be available for viewing for 30 calendar days.

Whereas the House of Representatives is considering major health reform legislation that will affect the lives of every American;

Whereas over the August district work period Members of the House of Representatives heard from overwhelming numbers of constituents about potential changes to the health care delivery system;

Whereas health care spending in the United States constitutes more than 17 percent of gross domestic product (GDP);

Whereas the Congressional Budget Office estimates that the Federal budget deficit for 2009 will total \$1,600,000,000,000, which is 11.2 percent of gross domestic product; and

Whereas the Congressional Budget Office estimates that early drafts of health care reform legislation could add \$239,000,000,000 to the deficit over ten years: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-  
2       resentatives that, due to the potential for sweeping  
3       changes to our Nation's health care delivery system, any  
4       major health care reform bill that comes to the floor of  
5       the House of Representatives in final form should be avail-  
6       able to Members to view in hard copy and available online  
7       to the public in a downloadable and searchable format for  
8       30 calendar days prior to the final vote on such bill.

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